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Dear

The election in South West Surrey is between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats.

I take polls seriously, having earned my living by cutting through the spin to see what the data really says. I set up Britain's first political betting website in 2004 and have spent the past 15 years analysing what voters are saying.

When looking at the recent election polls one thing is clear - this General Election is going to be a memorable one.

From the analysis I've done, the data gives us a good idea of the choice people face on Thursday 12th December -

- Tactical website from Best for Britain, www.getvoting.org, shows that nearly 200 seats across the UK could be decided by Remainers voting tactically for the Liberal Democrats.
- Whether the Conservative or the Liberal Democrat wins will come down to how many Labour supporters lend their vote to the Liberal Democrats.
- The Liberal Democrats have the best chance to win seats from the Conservatives, keeping them from a majority. But only if enough Labour supporters back the Liberal Democrats this time.

With the Green Party standing aside to support the Liberal Democrat candidates in many areas, it is pretty clear who many Remainers are now backing. In fact, recent polls show the Liberal Democrats are the most popular party for Remainers.

You know from previous elections that a vote for anyone other the Liberal Democrats can end up with an MP who backs Brexit.

I'm not here to tell you who to vote for, but I hope this information is useful to you when making a decision in this election.

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